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THE FATHER OF WATERS.

Report of the Mississippi River Com-

mission for the Past Year.

A Disgraceful Scene in an Indianapolis

Court of Justice.

Land Grant Fortification—A Victory for

the Victims—Quincy, Mo.

The Illinois Divorce

Case, Etc., Etc.

Report of the Mississippi River Com-

mission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The annual re-

port of the Mississippi River commis-

sion has been received by the secretary of war.

The main body of the report is devoted to

the operations of the commission during the

past calendar year, though reference is

made to many things which were brought

out at length in the testimony of the commis-

sioners before the committee of the house.

One of the most important

features of the report is that calling atten-

tion to the fact that owing to the failure of

the commission to make an appropriation at

the last session, the available funds have now

been exhausted and the active work of the

commission must cease until congress shall

have made provision necessary for its con-

tinuation. Hence, it becomes apparent

that if the commission is to await the pres-

ence of the regular river and harbor bill, the

improvement of the Mississippi will wait at

least until the next session.

THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL.

It is probable that the president, in the

special message which he will send to con-

gress, will approve the recommendation of

the commission, that \$1,000,000 be appro-

priated and made immediately available

in this regard the report of the commission

will very likely stir up some vigorous

discussion in the Mississippi valley, and

will at a very early date make the com-

mission of the work on the Mississippi a

very important one.

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commission is that while during previous

years the river has been found to be

shifting its course, and in some places

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Deliberate Murder.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Recently the

wife of John H. Dodge of Grand Island,

Neb., came to Omaha and procured work

in the laundry of Cozzens' hotel. Yester-

day Dodge, who had followed her to

Omaha, entered the laundry and handed

her a letter, which she stepped into

another room to read, when Dodge placed

a revolver to her head and fired, inflicting

a wound, from which she died an hour later.

The letter conveyed to the wife and

girl messages of affection and made them

feel that they were being treated for the

first time as human beings. The wife

had received from her husband a letter

under the influence of liquor. His wife

had left him on account of his drinking

habit.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

COLUMBUS, S. C., Dec. 20.—The wife

of Calvin Hammonds, of Marlboro, Me.,

with a very sudden and mysterious death.

A sister of the deceased charged Hammonds

with the murder of her wife, and a

statement of foul play being made by the

deceased's sister, the woman's

husband was brought before the grand

jury, where he was released.

FOOT FROM A BUILDING.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 20.—Willie

Swartz, a carpenter from Milwaukee, em-

ployed on the new freight depot for the

Chicago and North Western R.R., fell from

the building yesterday by falling from the roof

of the building.

LEADING OF THE WAGON HORSE.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 20.—James F.

Turner, who was caught on the streets

here Tuesday leading off another man's

horse, was bound over yesterday to await

the action of the next grand jury.

LOTTERY HUNG CASE.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The house

argument of the lottery case, which was

made by Thos. J. Semmes for the bank and

Atty.-Gen. Brewster for the government.

The judge took the suit under advisement.

AT THE CLERK'S.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Ellen

Brothers' furniture store burned yesterday.

Loss on building and contents, \$50,-

000; insurance, \$25,000.

A HOT PERMIT.

Fatal termination of an encounter with

Horse thieves.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 20.—Pur-

chases of a fatal fight with horse thieves

were received yesterday. For a long time

the northeastern part of this state and

southern part of Missouri have been

troubled with horse thieves, who have

made a business of stealing horses in

Missouri and selling them in Arkansas.

The gang is well organized, and is believed

to be in the neighborhood of the

border counties of the

states named. During November an

estimated number of valuable horses were

stolen in the localities indicated. In some

instances the stock was recovered, but in

each case the thieves escaped. A week

ago a former partner of the criminal crew

was killed by the police.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

During the State Department of the

Grand Army of the Republic to be held

in this city Jan. 30 and 31, hotel accom-

modations will be insufficient for the

number of people that will be in atten-

dance. A committee has been appointed

to secure board and lodging with private

families. All, therefore, who can provide

one or more with either board or lodging,

or both, are requested to send their names

and number of residents to Dr. J. M.

Dwyer, over F. L. Hays & Co's drug

store, together with their terms per day,

and the number they can accommodate.

J. M. DWYER,

F. M. COOK,

Committee.

Dec. 20, 1884.

Try that 15-cent meal at

Capron's Block,

412-414.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Elder W. B. Allen, of Mount Zion, Ill.,

will preach morning and evening. Com-

munion service at night. All are invited.

YIPST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

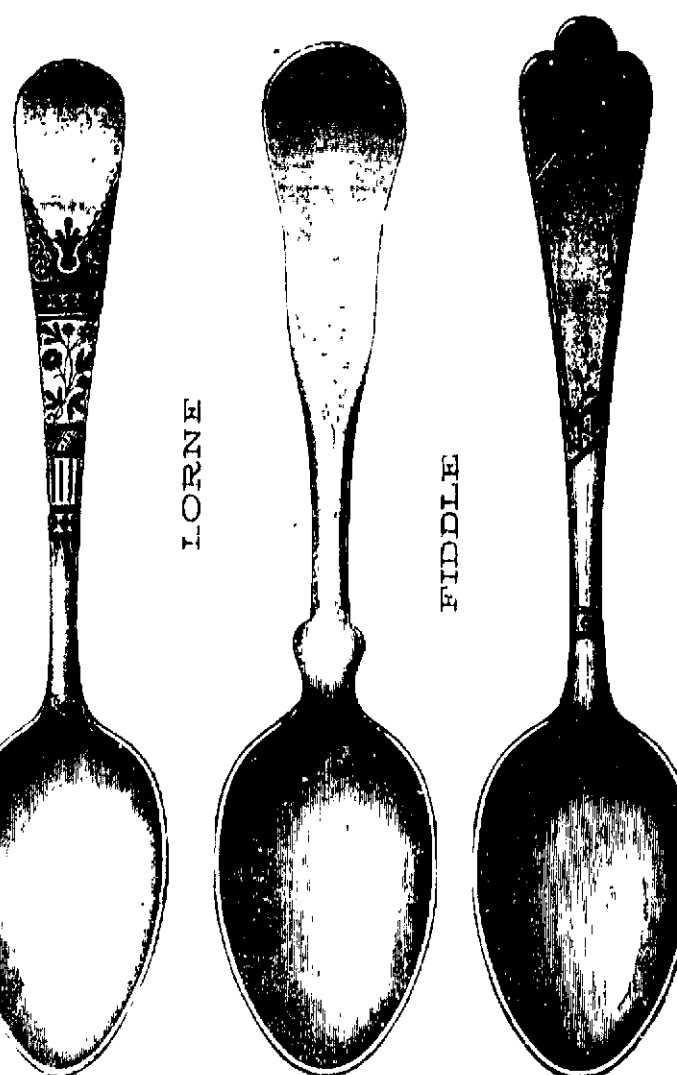
Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the

pastor. Subject of morning discourse,

"Respectful and Disrespectful." "The



# HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Get out this Price List and preserve it, as we will have to talk to you about something else.

## Fiddle or Plain Pattern 5 Ounce or Extra Plate.

TEA SPOONS - Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.  
TABLE SPOONS - Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.  
TABLE FORKS - Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.38 per set.

## Eastlake and Lorne Patterns - Both Fancy.

FIVE OUNCE OR EXTRA PLATE.  
TEA SPOONS - Not price, \$2.37 per dozen or \$1.19 per set.  
TABLE SPOONS - Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$2.38 per set.  
TABLE FORKS - Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.38 per set.

## Fiddle or Plain Pattern - 12 Ounce or Triple Plate

TEA SPOONS - Not price, \$3.37 per dozen or \$1.69 per set.  
TABLE SPOONS - Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.  
TABLE FORKS - Not price, \$2.15 per dozen or \$3.48 per set.

## Eastlake and Lorne Patterns - Both Fancy.

TWELVE OUNCE OR TRIPLE PLATE.  
TEA SPOONS - Not price, \$3.62 per dozen or \$1.81 per set.  
TABLE SPOONS - Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.  
TABLE FORKS - Not price, \$2.15 per dozen or \$3.48 per set.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,  
LEADING JEWELERS OF ILLINOIS.

112 Merchant St., DECATUR, ILL.

Dec 1, 1884

Blank Books, Office Stationery, Fine Stationery.

J. H. BEVANS,  
No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR, ILL.

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Merry Christmas!

And right merry it shall be for all our friends and customers for Low Prices, New Goods and prompt attention will make them so.

Our Store full of New and Beautiful Goods for Holiday Trade. Hundreds of choice and suitable articles for Christmas and New Year's Gifts. CLOAKS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, PLUSHES, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECKWEAR, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, KID GLOVES, SILK MITTENS, HOSIERY, Etc., Etc. All goods in the Millinery Department at half value to close the season. Handsome Patterns, Turbans, Toques, Felt, made Hats, Gloves, Ties, Bards, Ornaments, Etc., Etc. See and price our goods.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,  
143 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

Dec 1, 1884

WHAT TO GIVE

Relatives and friends for a Holiday Present is the leading question at this season of the year. Call at

Ferguson & Dillehunt's

and select from a large line of useful articles such as:

CARVERS, NUT PICKS AND CRACKS, ROLLER AND ICE SKATES, CARPET SWEEPERS, FLUTERS, CUSPADORS, GRANITE WARE, CALL BELLS, CHILD'S TRAYS, CHAMBER SETS, POCKET KNIVES, CHAMBER PAIRS, KNIVES AND FORKS, CRUMB TRAYS AND BRUSHES.

BERLIN TEA AND COFFEE SETS, TIN TOY BANKS, CUPS, BUCKETS, HORNS, ETC.

Garland, Champion Monitor, Round Oak

AND JEWEL STOVES.

Prices low as the lowest, and your custom appreciated. Call and see us.

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT,  
NO. 13 WATER STREET.

Dec 1, 1884

# The Daily Republican.

TERMS.  
Per week, payable to Carrier, \$10.00  
One year, in advance, \$100.00  
Three months, \$30.00  
Single Copies, 5 Cts.

SAUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 28, 1884

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

We have just returned from New York with new prices on Rogers Bros' 1847 Knives. See us.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.  
NATIGONS at Armstrong's.  
"Nonny's Claim" to-night.

Loans of new scenery will be shown this evening.

Look out for the collectors next month.

THE U. B. Ladies cleared about \$30 on their oyster supper.

THE "One Drug Store" drawing will occur Saturday, Jan. 5th.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices: J. W. Baker.

The funeral of the late Rev. John Little took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

No sensational rumors about to-day. It seems to be "a cold day" for rumors.

Read Linn & Scruggs' new advertisement.

There are 27 prisoners in the county jail. A few of them are "felly pets."

Odor cases and fine toilet sets at Armstrong's drug store.

Five best of harness, all in style and serviceable, at the shop of J. W. Tyler, Jr.

The old year is about played out. Get ready to turn over a new leaf.

Give the live music dealer, C. B. Prosser, a call, and learn his prices for Haines Bros. pianos and standard organs.

Picture shooting gallery, opposite post office.

Before the old year passes away visit Peter Ulrick's family grocery store and sample his prize No. 4.

SHOES: low prices: J. W. Baker.

Where's the man who said "we are going to have an open winter?"

F. D. CALDWELL can furnish you any kind of wood on short notice.

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THE OPERETTA "Sleeping Queen," at the opera house Thursday night, January 1, 1885.

EXCELSIOR DIARIES for 1885, and the Lancaster Almanac, at the City Book Store.

Sam Lee, 130 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S Arctic Overcoats, at BARNER & BARNER'S.

DO NOT suffer with cold, you can by a suit of underwear at John Irwin's White Front, for 75 cents.

DECATUR, Abel & Locke's decorator, will show you the nobly patterns of transformed window decorations.

SUNDAY night the subject of Rev. Vassar's discourse will be "Notorious Living, or Sinful Pleasures."

WANT to know, What does a certain young man in Decatur want with six new rocking chairs?

CHURNS always on hand at Geo. Elmer's wood yard.

THE members of the Decatur Club will receive callers on New Year's day and evening, at their new suite of rooms in the Haworth Block. The rooms are being handsomely fitted up to-day. Take the elevator.

NINE golden butter, lemons, vegetables and fresh eggs at Hanks & Patterson's new grocery store, 143 South Water St.

J. B. BULLARD, the undertaker, has the finest carriage and teams to let for weddings, parties, calls and funerals, to be found in the west. Elegant turkeys, every one of them. Leave orders at Bullard's, Telephone 125.

STOCK feed, in quantities to suit, can be had at Nieldmeyer's family grocery store on the Mount.

No more circuit court until Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1885, at 9:30 a. m. Judge Wilkin admits that it will be a pretty big jump, waiting until next year before resuming business.

FARTHOUS smokers always call for Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars, because they are reliable nickel smokers.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.

THE ladies of Eureka will give a public dinner New Year's day to raise money to add to the fund to keep the Christian College at that place. That day the trustees will decide whether they will remove the institution to some central point like Decatur.

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THE annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the rooms on Monday evening. The election of officers for the ensuing year will then be held.

THE Hungarian system of milling by Geo. Priest & Co., full and complete in all its details, makes the best flour ever sold in the city. Prices as low as any.

DECATUR in 1870 furnished accommodations for 12,000 strangers three days. The latter part of January will bring another test of her hospitality. The G. A. R. boys will be here in great numbers. Decatur will easily entertain all who come. Don't stay away.

For perfect fitting clothing go and see Cheap Charity.

CUSTOMERS have endorsed it, and thereby renders it unnecessary to occupy much space in presenting the claims of the superiority of Priest & Co.'s flour.

April 10—dwt

PREFERS an experienced hotel man and his wife will come here from Circleville, Ohio, and take charge of the Hotel Brunswick, which is now about ready to be opened. It will take \$10,000 to \$15,000 to open it in proper style. The owner, Justice Curtis, will occupy part of the hotel.

DAVID F. HAMMER makes a specialty of doing excellent repair work.

CALL at Fuller & Parker's, at the corner near tobacco. They will supply you with all sorts of horse feed.

It would be well for housekeepers to know that Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is free from Alum, Ammonia and other objectionable drugs, hence the purest and most economical. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is beyond all question the best and most perfect of anything in the market. To insure certainty, buy it only in cans.

A Holiday Present.

From now until New Year Abel & Locke offer an elegant lot of Real Lace Curtains at half value.

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COMMITTEE.

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The first entertainment of the lecture course will be given Thursday evening, Jan. 10, at the opera house by Alfred P. Burbank. The issuing of reserved seats tickets to holders of course tickets will begin at O. E. Curtis & Co's on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock. As nearly every seat on the lower floor of the opera house is now sold, it is probable that no one but those holding course tickets can be accommodated with reserved seats. A limited number of these tickets are still on sale. At Mr. Burbank's entertainment the price of tickets to the gallery will be 35 cents.

COMMITTEE.

WHAT NEXT?

Over at Decatur the people are not satisfied with stoves in the street cars. They also want blankets on the seats. That community takes the creamery for gall.

CUTTING ICE.

E. A. McKENZIE is engaged in cutting ice for Wood Bros. The ice is taken from the Sangamon river above the water works dam. It is 5 to 8 inches thick and is of fair quality. None of the dealers have commenced harvesting the congealed chunks. They will wait until another freeze.

THE marriage of William Ernest, of Homer, and Miss Louisa Love took place at the African Methodist church, this city, on the evening of the 27th, Rev. Simon officiating. Yesterday the couple left for Homer, near which place they will reside on a farm. The bride is a daughter of James Love, at whose home on Malone street a brilliant reception was held the evening of the wedding.

PLEASE note the fact that Linn & Scruggs do not advertise goods in season as well as out of season at FANCY PRICES, which in all cases may be taken as proof of incompetency or inaccuracy, and they are therefore more entitled to the confidence of the people.

NEARLY one hundred children are canvassing for subscribers for the Conservatory concert, to be given January 31 and 4th, at the opera house.

"Our Social Club."

The Rents-Santley novelty company will appear in a brilliant drawing room reception scene at the opera house on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, and there will be a grand emblematic march and chorus. Then will come the specialties by the various feminine members of the company with "Don Jose, the Spanish Duke," in which 16 females will take part—6 elegant dances, beautiful Spanish belle, 4 English dukes, and so on. Prices 35, 50 and 75 cents.

MR. W. H. BARNUM, general agent for Illinois for the "Farris Missouri Steam Washing Machine," has arrived in the city with several of the machines, and will show them to our people after the holidays. Mr. Barton guarantees to wash fifteen shirts in fifteen minutes, perfectly clean. The finest fabric can be washed without injury. Public institutions, hotels and small laundries in St. Louis are adopting them. Liberal commission paid to agents. Ladies make the very best agents. The washer has been patented but a year, and the manufacturers have had but a short time to perfect beyond their most sanguine expectations.

J. W. TYLER, the harness maker, south side City Park, will give the neatest and best "collar coupling" in the world with every set of harness purchased at his establishment.

CONDWOOD, STOVESWOOD AND CHURNS will receive prompt attention by ordering of Geo. Ehrhart, or Telephone 129.

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THE ENMA Bond trial is yet unfinished. Judge Phillips will hold court on Monday. The evidence of Miss Bond remains unaltered in the minds of those who have noted every bit of the testimony. She was placed on the stand yesterday and denied several important statements made by witnesses for the defense. The defense tried to have the jurors withdrawn and the case continued because of the absence of an alleged important witness, Nellie Woodruff, but the motion was denied. The prosecution clinging to the claim that an outrage was committed, and will base their arguments on that charge.

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